

REMARKS

After entry of this response, Claims 1, 2, 4-41 remain pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration by the Examiner in light of the following remarks.

Claims 3-8, 12, 20, 24-26, and 35-39 were indicated allowable, albeit objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter. The subject matter of Claim 3 has been incorporated into Claims 1, 13, 14, 17, and 27.

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 1-2, 9-11, 13-19, 21-23, 27-29, 31-34, and 40-41 as being anticipated by Vailliancourt et al. (US 3,565,078, hereinafter "Vailliancourt"). Applicant respectfully traverses.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended Claims 1, 13, 14, 17, and 27 to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 3 that was indicated allowable. Numerous issues were raised in the above referenced Office Action that are rendered moot with respect to the pending claims. Moreover, Applicant does not acquiesce to any issue raised, statement made, rejection or objection made in the above Office Action whether or not successfully addressed herein.

As the pending claims are in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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